

Statewide Assessment Participation Rate: Indicator 3B

Measurement: Participation rate for children with IEP's in a regular assessment with no accommodations; regular assessment with accommodations; alternate assessment against grade level standards; alternate assessment against alternate achievement standards.

Calculation

Participation rate = The number of children with IEPs in grades 3-8 and 11 who took the Dakota STEP with NO accommodations + the number of children with IEPs in grades 3-8 and 11 who took the Dakota STEP with accommodations + the number of children with IEPs in grades 3-8 and 11 who took the Dakota STEP-Alternate assessment ÷ the number of children with IEPs in grades 3-8 and 11 **X 100 = %.**

Example:

Reading for grades 3-8 and 11

- (a) 100 children were on an IEP in grades 3-8 and 11 during the testing window.
 - (b) 63 children on IEPs took the Dakota STEP with NO Accommodations.
 - (c) 33 children on IEPs took the Dakota STEP with Accommodations.
 - (d) 2 children on IEPs took the Dakota STEP-A.
- 1 child on an IEP was sick during the entire testing window and didn't test.

Overall Percent = [(b + c + d) divided by (a)].

$63 + 33 + 2 = 98 \div 100 = .98 \times 100 = 98\%$ Participation rate for reading.

Collection Method

Information is collected through SIMS utilizing the enrollment and special education tab.

Collection Dates

Fall enrollment until the end of the testing window

District Submission Date

Throughout the school year and all updates must be completed by end of the testing

Important Notes:

According to the South Dakota Accountability Manual, South Dakota utilizes the flexibility provided by USDOE regarding students unable to be tested due to a significant medical emergency. Districts and schools that may not meet the participation rate may request a recalculation omitting the specified student. Documentation of the medical emergency is required for this recalculation and must be submitted during NCLB appeal process.

Strategies to Analyze Participation Rate Data:

- Why did the district not meet participation rate?
- What were the reasons and were they documented on why participation did not take place?
- What are the districts steps to ensure all students are tested?

Resources and Improvement Activities

Participation is on the NCLB Report Card is located at: <http://doe.sd.gov/nclb/index.asp>